

national resources to take from Individuals the temptations which might sometimes  
be offered to an underhand and dangerous traffic with the Enemy. The determina-  
tion of the Government upon this subject as soon as it can be given, we respectfully ask  
We cannot close this communication without some observations upon the unprotected  
and defenceless state in which many parts of Maryland are left. Applications  
from various quarters are constantly pouring in upon us, and so far as the very limited  
means within our power will enable us we are endeavouring to afford protection. But  
besides that we have not sufficient arms and ammunition to supply the demands  
of every section of the State the unavoidable expense of calling out the Militia for  
its protection would greatly exceed the ability of the State Government. By the  
Constitution of the United States, the common defence is committed to the national  
Government which is to protect each State against invasion and to defray all  
the necessary expenses of a National War. and to us it is a painful reflection, that  
after every effort we have made, or can make for the security of our fellow citizens  
and their property, they have little to rely on, but the possibility for bearance of the  
Enemy. The Capital of the State notwithstanding the late call of the Militia, we  
are informed by the commanding Officer, has not a sufficient force for its protection.  
Indeed it must be obvious that while there are only twenty or thirty regulars  
stationed in its forts, the Militia, in whatever force cannot give to it that protection,  
which it has a right to claim, and without which Maryland may be essentially injured.  
A communication from the Secretary of War, some time since, gave us to understand,  
that a Regiment of the troops to be raised under a late Act of Congress would be assigned  
to Maryland, and that a train of light artillery of fourteen Pieces would be stationed  
North of the Patomack. We beg leave to urge the necessity of some immediate aid  
being ordered to the seat of Government, as well as other parts of this State. any  
delay may be of fatal consequence. as from the force which the Enemy now has  
in our Bay, we have much to apprehend unless other means of defence than  
those which we now have, are afforded to us. We have the honor to be  
the President of the United States  
Leven Winder